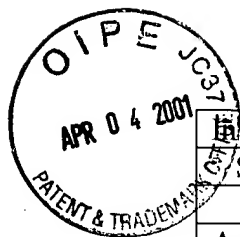


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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Dear Assistant Commissioner:

In reply to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the current Application.

FEES/EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants believe no fees are due with this paper. Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-4773 for any and all fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, or credit Deposit Account No. 13-4773 for any and all refunds. One copy of this page is enclosed for deposit account purposes.

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